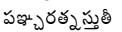
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Pancharatnastuti of Shri Appayya Dixita

Introduction

This short poem made of five gem like verses establishes the greatness of Lord Paramasiva based on the authority of the vedas and puranas. Sri Dixita had also written a commentary on the verses. It contains a systematic exposition of the theme of the poem (viz.) the supremacy of Paramasiva as parabrahman by a discussion of the many scriptural passages. It is a brilliant discussion by a great scholar.

Background

It seems that during his period there was much unseemly squabble between the adherents of Siva and Vishnu as to who was the greater of the two. Sri Dixita was saddened by this spectacle. It appears that some of the adherents of Vishnu went to the extent of condemning the Saivashastras as tamasic and Siva Himself as a jiva only. Sri Dixita was very much pained at all these happenings and was forced to espouse the other side (viz) supremacy of Siva. Even though in this poem the author argues to establish the supremacy of Lord Siva, it has to be emphasised that he had no bias towards Siva or Vishnu. He had mentioned this in many places in his works. His Hariharabedhastuti is an example of his attitude. In this stotra he praises both Lord Siva and Vishnu in each verse. In the last verse he says clearly that he sees no difference between them. It reads as follows.

In fact, he had composed Varadarajastava which shows his intense devition to Lord Vishnu. He had also written commentaries on Yadavabhyudayam of Sri Vedanta Desika. All these go to show his liberal mind. He was, in fact, a true advaitin.

భూతస్య జాత ఇతి వారిరుహాసనస్య జాతో బృహన్నితి హరేశ్చ జనిః ప్రసిద్ధా । ಯನ್ನಾ ದಜಾತ ಇತಿ ಮೃನ್ನವರ್ ಪದಿ ಕ್ಷಾ-త్రం రుద్రమేవ జనితశ్చకితః ప్రపద్యే ॥ ೧॥ ఉక్స్టా ప్రసూతిమజశౌరిహరేశ్వరాణాం సంసూచ్య దీపకసహోక్తిభిరన్యనిఘ్నామ్ 1 తాం సంయధారయదతర్వశిఖా హి యస్య తం సర్వకారణమనాదిశివం ప్రపద్యే ॥ 🗕॥ పేదా<u>నే</u>షు ప్రథమభవనం వర్ణితం యస్య యాభ్యాం తద్వత్తన్న ప్రసవవచసా జన్మ తత్ట్యాపయిత్వా । ಯ್ಯಾನ್ಯಕನ್ನು ಸ್ಪುಟಮಜನಿತ್ ನಿಕ್ಪುತ್ ಕಾರಣಸ್ಥ ధ్యాయామస్థం జనివిహతయే శంభుమాకాశమధ్యే ॥ ३॥ ಯದ್ಭ್ರುಭಜ್ಞ ಕರ್ತ್ಯ ವಿಧಿ ಏರಿಗೆ ರಿಕೆ ಖ್ಯಾತಿದ್ ಕತ್ತಿ ಕೆ ಟ್ಯಾ యద్భృత్యా దేవదేవా: సకలభువనగా: సంనియచ్చన్ని విశ్వమ్ । యల్లిజం సర్వదేవాసురమనుజముఖైరర్చ్యతే విశ్వరూపం త్స్మై నిత్యం నమస్యాం ప్రవితనుత పరబ్రహ్మణే శంకరాయ ॥ ४॥ ఆస్యం సూక్నుం రిజ్దరూపత్వరిజ్ధం ఇత్యేవేనావేదయత్పూత్రకారో ಯಂ ಬ್ರహ್ಮ್ ಖ್ಯಂ ತಂ ప్రపద్యే మహేశమ్ ॥ >॥ ఇతి శ్రీమదప్పయ్యదీషీతసార్వభౌమిః

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